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SUBJ: DRC MEETING APRIL 15, NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP

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SUMMARY: THE DRC DISCUSSED THE 1977 DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP DURING THE APRIL 14 DRC MEETING AND AGREED TO HOLD PART A (TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS) AT A DIFFERENT TIME THAN PART B (POLICY DISCUSSIONS). DECISION ON THE THEMES WAS DELAYED TO PERMIT CAPITALS FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THEMES AND OUTSIDE SPEAKERS FOR PART A AND PART B. END SUMMARY.

1. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, DRC DISCUSSED THE 1977 DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP TO DECIDE WHETHER PART A AND PART B OF THE WORKSHOP SHOULD BE HELD SEPARATELY.

2. THE UK REP (LEGGE) SUPPORTED HOLDING PART B (POLICY DISCUSSIONS) IN OBERAMMERGAU AND HOLDING PART A (TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS) ELSEWHERE. THE NETHERLANDS REP (MAJ NENTEGEMS) SAID PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING SYSTEM (PPBS) SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM BUT STRESSED THAT THE WORKSHOP SHOULD STUDY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS IN SMALLER GROUPS. THE CANADIAN REP (COL CHILD) SUGGESTED, RATHER THAN SEPARATING THE TWO PARTS, MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON POLICY ISSUES. THE FRG REP (SCHUENEMANN) AGREED WITH SEPARATE SESSIONS BUT SAID THE WORKSHOP SHOULD PROVIDE

A CHANCE FOR PLANNERS AND TECHNICIANS TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AS LONG AS THE SUBJECTS WERE NOT TOO TECHNICAL. THE CHAIRMAN SAID TECHNICAL TOPICS MAY EXCITE SOME PARTICIPANTS FROM CAPITALS, BUT IT WAS TIME TO "SEND THE WHIZ KIDS AND EGGHEADS SOMEPLACE ELSE." THE DRC AGREED TO SEPARATE PART A AND PART B SESSIONS AND TO DISCUSS THE TIME, PLACE AND THEME OF PART A AT A FUTURE MEETING. THE CHAIRMAN WILL ASK THE NATO WEAPONS SCHOOL AT OBERAMMERGAU TO SUGGEST A CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE WORKSHOP IN LATE JANUARY TO EARLY FEBRUARY.

3. FOR THE MESE OF PART B, THE NETHERLANDS REP SUGGESTED "RELATIONSHIP OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL ASPECTS WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE POLICY ISSUES." THE US REP (BADER), DRAWING ON REF A, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE TOPIC "STIMULATING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING IN DEFENSE." THE CHAIRMAN SAID THE THEMES COULD BE MORE MEANINGFULLY DISCUSSED AFTER ALL SUGGESTED TOPICS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM CAPITALS.

4. THE UK REP SAID MR. BURT, AN OUTSIDE SPEAKER, HAD MADE THE MOST STIMULATING PRESENTATION AT THE 1976 WORKSHOP, AND SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE SPEAKERS LATER. THE UK REP ALSO SUGGESTED THE THREE FOLLOWING THEMES:

A. DEVELOPMENTS IN NUCLEAR FIELD, UTILIZING OUTSIDE SPEAKERS.

B. STANDARDIZATION AS ADDRESSED FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, I.E., WITH SPEAKERS FROM POLITICS, ACADEMIA, MILITARY AND INDUSTRY.

C. IS DETENTE UNDERMINING OR ENHANCING THE CAPABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE?

5. THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE DRC REPS TO PROBE CAPITALS ONE MORE TIME FOR THEMES OR SPEAKERS BEFORE A DECISION ON THEMES WAS MADE.

6. IN ANSWER TO OTHER QUESTIONS, THE CHAIRMAN SAID THE COST OF THE WORKSHOP THIS YEAR WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE MORE THAN \$10 PER PARTICIPANT.

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7. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THEMES AND OUTSIDE SPEAKERS FOR PART A AND PART B. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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